

REMARKS

Reexamination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-6, 9, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cardwell, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 3,746,906) in view of Ferenc (U.S. Patent No. 4,866,329).

Claims 11, 12, 14, 15, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable Cardwell, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 3,746,906) in view of Ferenc (U.S. Patent No. 4,866,329), and further in view of McBride, Jr., et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,034,473).

Claims 7, 8, 16, 17, and 20 were allowed.

Claims 2-4 and 6-9 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 7. Claims 14 and 18 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 16. Claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 20. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 2-10, 14-18, and 20 are now in condition for allowance.

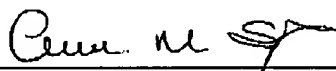
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 2-10, 14-18, and 20 are in condition for allowance. Claims 1 and 11-12 are cancelled without prejudice. An early allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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